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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 27, 2000, Applicants request that the referenced patent application be amended as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A computer in a telecommunications network, comprising:

a processor; and

a resource management means for enabling said processor to provide standardized management of multiple resources including internal operational resources, external components, and applications processing data,

wherein said resource management means comprises one or more resource managers, said resource managers being one of:

a semaphore resource manager;

a switch controller resource manager;

an agent resource manager;

a call data block resource manager;

·a service logic resource manager; or

a switch resource resource manager;

wherein each of said resource managers comprises: